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A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The Government have no information. They have called for it.

Mr. P. Anjaneyulu :—" Will the Government be pleased to pass on the information as soon as they get it ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" I will let the hon. Member have the information as soon as I get it."

Construction of a bridge at Tsundur, Guntur district.

* 1492 *Q.*—Mr. P. Anjaneyulu : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether there are any proposals for constructing a bridge at Tsundur in the Guntur district ?

A.—Yes; across the Tungabhadra drain at mile 14/2-3 of the Tsundur Railway feeder road.

Mr. P. Anjaneyulu :—" May I know when the construction will be undertaken ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" I cannot give a definite answer to that."

Alleged canvassing during the election of the Vice-President of the Nilgiris District Board.

* 1493 *Q.*—Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that at the meeting of the Nilgiris District Board held on 18th January 1929 for the election of the Vice-President, the District Collector proposed one Mr. Simon for the Vice-President's place ;

(*b*) whether the said Mr. Simon is a nominated member of the District Board ;

(*c*) whether at the time of proposing Mr. Simon, the Collector specially pleaded for Mr. Simon's election and also stated that Mr. Simon was to be there only for a short time ; and

(*d*) the reasons why the Collector canvassed for the election of Mr. Simon while competent Indians like Mr. Ari Gowder, M.L.C., were available for election ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Collector, who is also the President, District Board, proposed Mr. C. R. Simmonds, a nominated member, for the Vice-President's place. There is no such member as Mr. Simon.

(*c*) & (*d*) The Government have no information.

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar :—" May I know whether the District Board of Nilgiris has got a very large proportion of European and Anglo-Indian members already ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" It has a certain proportion of Europeans and Anglo-Indians. I cannot understand what my hon. Friend means by the expression ' very large '."

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar :—" At any rate the district board is not famished for want of those gentlemen ; but may I know why the Collector